

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1 (currently amended). A device for preventing theft of a camera assembly mounted on a tree, said assembly comprising instruments including a camera and a case substantially enclosing said instruments, said case having peripheral sides and a front side having defined therein openings providing external access to viewing instruments;

    said device comprising a housing including top and bottom sides, left and right sides and a front side, said front side comprising;

        a frame open at a central location allowing viewing by said instruments and the frame overlapping the instruments so as to preclude removal thereof from the front;

        said bottom side at a rear location thereof connected to a first vertical and upwardly extending bracket having defined therein an opening including an enlarged lower portion allowing passage of said first bracket over a lag bolt head of a first lag bolt and a narrower passage allowing sliding vertical movement, but not movement away from the tree so that the first bracket may be hooked over the lag bolt head of the first lag bolt and pulled downward into position;

        said top side at a rear location thereof connected to a second vertical and upwardly extending bracket having defined therein an opening for receiving a second lag bolt connecting said second bracket to said tree, a hub connected to said second bracket and disposed around a head of said second light bolt, precluding access to the second lag bolt in a radial direction and a

plug lock engageable with said hub, precluding access in an axial direction.

2 (currently amended). The device as defined in claim Fig. 1 wherein each of said left and right sides of said housing includes a rearwardly extending triangular portion having a point at a middle position, said triangular portion adapted to be driven into or bent around the said tree.

3 (original). The device as defined in claim 1 wherein said frame of said front side includes narrow portions at left, right and top locations and a wide portion across a bottom location.

4 (currently amended). The device as defined in claim Fig. 1 wherein each of said brackets comprises a bent-over extension portion of a horizontally extending top or bottom housing member.

5 (currently amended). The device as defined in claim 1 wherein said hub comprises [a] a tubular member having a first end mounted on said bracket axially with relation to said second lag bolt and a second end disposed to receive said [a] plug lock.

6 (currently amended). The device as defined in claim 1 wherein said hub includes a slot defined therein and said plug lock includes a catch engaging said slot.

7 (currently amended). The device as defined in claim 1 wherein said narrower portion of said opening in said first bracket extends upward from said enlarged lower wider portion..